THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

Hello, and welcome back to the *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy* Reread! Today we'll be covering chapters 1, 2, and 3; normally we'll only do two chapters a week, but for the first three weeks we'll do three, in an attempt to finish this reread before *The Lost Continent* comes out.

Oh yeah and I've added a section for the Dragonets of Destiny, to discuss their personalities.

This reread may contain SPOILERS for any and all Wings of Fire books. If you have not finished the series, read ahead at your own peril.

SUMMARY

Chapter 1: Kestrel attempts to train Clay to fight, but Clay mostly just gets beat up. Eventually, Tsunami comes to his rescue, and we hear about how Clay attacked the other dragonets in their eggs. Kestrel stalks off, and Tsunami drags Clay into the river to soothe his wounds. They daydream about their parents, and then Tsunami presents the idea of escaping from the Talons of Peace and saving the world their own way. Clay ponders the idea as they rush off to dinner.

Chapter 2: After dinner, Sunny comes to get Clay for studying. Instead of traditional studying, the Dragonets act out the history of the war; Kestrel disapproves and scolds them all, telling them they're too old for games. After Kestrel leaves (and Sunny is sent off to do something else, since the other Dragonets don't trust her to keep secrets), Clay, Tsunami, Starflight, and Glory discuss their planned escape. The conversation descends into a fight; Clay breaks it up, and Tsunami declares that they're leaving as soon as they have an escape plan.

Chapter 3: The Dragonets--still sans Sunny--hear Webs come into the cave and rush to the guardians' room; figuring something is happening, they go to spy, Glory and Starflight from the hall outside and Clay and Tsunami from the river. Webs announces that Morrowseer is coming; Kestrel and Dune think he'll be disappointed in the Dragonets, but Clay is hopeful that this means things will change.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Hey, stop. Quit snarling at each other like mini Kestrels," Clay said, standing up to keep his bulk between Tsunami and Starflight. "Sunny deals with it differently, that's all. But remember what we decided--we five stick together or else everything gets worse, right?"

I picked this quote because I feel it perfectly embodies Clay's character, and, in a way, the heart of the series.

"Clay felt about as dangerous as cauliflower" was a close runner-up, though.

THE DRAGONETS OF DESTINY

Three chapters in and we already have a very clear idea of the Dragonets' personalities: Loyal, sweet, dorky Clay; fiery, ambitious Tsunami; sarcastic, hardworking Glory; worried, studious Starflight--and, well, mostly for Sunny we get a good idea of how the *other* Dragonets see her: the silly, innocent little sister who is sweet and wonderful but can't be trusted with secrets. Just because she let one thing slip when she was something like a year old. Poor Sunny. (Oh hey, Tui said the same thing in the annotations. XD)

Clay notes that Sunny's actually fun to fight--good at dodging and slipping under his defenses.

More on this topic in Tui's annotations.

WORLDBUILDING

As noted in the annotations:
Dragons grow quickly until they're seven, and then slowly for the rest of their lives, but a full-grown dragon isn't too much bigger than a seven-year-old. Tui wanted readers to know right away that scavengers were humans. "Of course I was thinking about chameleons when I gave RainWings this camoflauge power, but I imagine it being even more extreme than what chameleons can do--almost like a real invisibility cloak, where their scales act like lenses to bend light around them. (She says, using her "science!" voice, then points at the Internet and runs away.)"

BIOLOGY AND CULTURE

Welp, I don't have the energy to theorize today, so I'mma just throw all the available data out in no particular order.

SkyWing fire-hiss! Pulsing gills when Tsunami's angry! No, Tsunami, clearly dragon bones are not as hard as diamonds, evidenced by at least two snapped necks later in the book. Wait, Clay's licking his sore talons?! Kestrel's just smashing rock columns like it's no big deal?!? Jewel-hard scales. What does "red-gold" even mean?

Already talking about Clay attacking the other eggs…. Clay can't stand cold. Sunny thinks cows are too heavy, which is a SandWing thing IIRC. Also she gives off heat. SkyWings like to live high among the peaks. Jeez, now Tsunami's smashing rocks like it's no big deal too?! Starflight's near invisible in the shadows.

SeaWings have distinctive footstep-sounds. Also glowing stripes and night-vision, but we knew that. First mention of all the tribes having queens. "Stinging shock he sometimes got when Dune whacked him with his barbed tail for not paying attention"?

"[Tsunami] hurried to the door, her ears twitching and the spiny ridge along her back standing straight up."

Clay thinks he's not smart, but his theory about Sunny's egg being taken from the sand too early is a fairly decent one--totally wrong, but a decent theory. I think it mentions Starflight's inability to read minds and see the future somewhere, but I'm too lazy to go dig through the chapters again and find it (I wonder what the guardians thought of him before they realized he couldn't read minds?).

DRAGONSPEAK

Tui notes in the annotations that coming up with "dragon-y insults" was one of her favorite parts of writing this series. "Smoke-breather," in this case.
"Parents welcomed her with open wings," from Clay's internal monologue about "The Missing Princess."
Tsunami nearly slips up and calls Starflight a "lazy RainWing," which is a common phrase the guardians use (along with most of Pyrrhia).

DIFFERENCES WITH LATER BOOKS

Dragons seem to use their fire expressively a lot more in this book. Is that because it's a SkyWing thing or because it's an I-forgot-I-was-writing-dragons-in-arc-2 thing?

COMMENTARY

Yeesh Kestrel, knocking your students unconscious during battle training? Harsh.

TUI'S ANNOTATIONS

Okay, wow, there are way more annotations than I realized. I'm going to divide these up by chapter and also move some of the stuff to the relevant sections above, okay?

Chapter 1:
CHARACTER:
Clay's gift is healing, rather than fighting ("He wanted to look at the world, figure out what was broken, and fix it"). She compares the guardians wanting Clay to be terrifyingly dangerous to "your friend who's so tall that everyone thinks they should play basketball, but actually they're terrible at it and don't want to at all. Except with talons and fire and biting."

One of the most important things that makes the Dragonets different is they were raised with members of different tribes, so they care about the other tribes. "Clay's usual strategy: Maybe if I keep talking then I won't have to fight anymore…."

TUI AND WRITING PROCESS:
Tui notes that she wrote a parallel version of the first sentence to start book 5, and that she considered starting all the books that way, but decided it would be a little silly.

"It'll be over soon, and then I can go have dinner" is drawn directly from Tui's experience. Tui thinks it's weird when a fantasy world has no books. One of her favorite lines is this: "The faint sound of dismayed mooing echoed up the tunnel behind them.

Chapter 2:
CHARACTER:
One of the key words in Tui's notes about Sunny was "Underestimated," which is part of why she took away her SandWing natural weapons. The Dragonets have adapted to this cave in some ways, but it's really never going to be the right place for them. Sunny got Oasis' reaction to scavengers pretty close. For all Starflight's complaining, he's a pretty good sport, Tui thinks. Clay's already peacekeeping between the dragonets--they apparently got along "like a happy pile of puppies" in the first draft, but the editor suggested there be more conflict.

TUI AND WRITING PROCESS:
Tui decided that having the Dragonets act out the history of the war would be the most fun way to tell it to the readers. One thing she has in common with Starflight is she always hopes she can solve it by reading about it more.

Book: "Among other things, he stole the Lazulite Dragon, the gold SandWing scepter, and the Eye of Onyx."
Tui: "She writes, thinking, "hmmm, this sounds like it could be important later…."

Chapter 3:
CHARACTER:
Clay is a great character to start a series with because he can't remember stuff like who Morrowseer is, allowing Tui to infodump without it seeming out of place. Kestrel and Dune underestimate Glory because they're stuck on the idea that RainWings are lazy.

TUI AND WRITING PROCESS:
Tui is apparently also nervous about squeezing through small underwater/ground gaps. Kestrel, Dune, and Webs were collectively "the minders" in the first few drafts, but Tui decided that "guardians" was more menacing. She mentions that she would love to tell Dune's story someday (since these annotations were before *Winglets: Deserter*).

Welp, I think that's everything. If there's anything I missed that you want to talk about, bring it up in the comments! And see you next week, when we get to meet a certain dangerous NightWing...

☆ 6

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

phoenixdragon1690

Oh yeah, and

PREVIOUS: /316233

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

greenzombie278

Cool! I really liked reading this. Good job!

0

❖Sphinx❖
[Da Green Queen]

☆Spla2n 2 Master
☆"This Is The Greatest Show!"
☆SAMBer Since: Mar 22, 2017
☆Spicy Calamari Inkantation #1
☆Chipmunk Saver
☆"This Is Me!"

♥#Arctix♥

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

cleverdragon364

This is really helpful and interesting, thanks for doing it!

0

***Clever,** A Very Clevery Guy* ❤❤❤
[exits, pursued by a bear]
bringing you cool good posts: Dec. 2014 - March 2019
appreciating and supporting you: today - forever!!!!

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

fairydragon1798

This is amazing, Oncilla!

(By the way I also noticed that the first book is practically the only one that says *anything* about the hissing sound before dragons shoot fire)

0

~Fairydragon~
She/Her

We *will* never *be forgotten*
for we've all played our parts
and if the memories are erased
they'll still be in our hearts

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

poke

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

bump

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

poke

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

poke

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

`Writer, roleplayer, nerd`

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 1, 2, and 3 | Oncilla

phoenixdragon1690

poke

0

Such is the path of a dreamer: I find my way by moonlight.

~Oncilla~

Queen of Non Sequitur, Bookwyrms, Pangolins, and Bones

Trash Squad, Werewolf, GASTER FOLLOWER

Writer, roleplayer, nerd

WoFMBer Dec. 2014-Mar. 2019

SCHOLASTIC
open a world of possible

PRIVACY POLICY • Terms of Use • TM ® & © 1996-2019 Scholastic Inc. All Rights Reserved.